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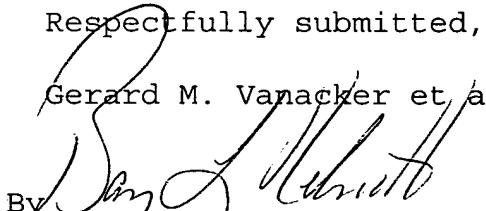
Sir:

On March 15, 2002, the above-captioned patent application was filed at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. As yet, Applicants have not received an official action on the merits.

The Commissioner is hereby requested to advise the undersigned attorney when such action can be expected to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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